[Mr. R. Krishna Pillai.]

from the Chief Engineer. It is too long to be printed and placed on the table. It will be made available for the perusal of the member when he wishes to do so.

MR. A. GOVINDA MENON: Will the Government be pleased to supply me with a written copy of the statement?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: The member will be allowed to have one.

EXPENDITURE UNDER MINOR IRRIGATION FROM 1095 TO 1097.

48. MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state what proportion of the actual expenditure under "Public Works" has been incurred under "minor irrigation" in the State during 1095 and 1096 and to the end of 1097?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state under what terms and conditions they were prepared to restore and improve the minor and major irrigation tanks in the Neyyattinkara taluk and whether they have spent any amount towards such restoration or improvement in 1095, 1096 or 1097?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) A statement† is laid on the table. which furnishes the necessary details for 1095 and 1096. The year 1097 has not yet closed.

(*b*) The matter is still under correspondence.

MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Is it a fact that early this year certain terms and conditions were imposed by the Tahsildar of the Neyyattinkara taluk, before the ryots were asked to take any part in the irrigation works, and, if so, what those terms were?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: I want notice.

APPENDIX I.

[*Vide* ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 47.]

Original Public Works in the Muvattupuzha Division.

Government have sanctioned during the last 10 years estimates for 463 "Works" relating to the division for a total amount of Rs. 34,80,762, under the following service heads:—

(1)	Buildings ...	232
(2)	Communications ...	201
(3)	Miscellaneous Public Improvements...	15
(4)	Minor irrigation ...	15
		463

(Sd.) R. EVERARD,
Chief Engineer.

† *Vide Appendix II*—page 569.

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APPENDIX II.

[*Vide* ANSWER TO QUESTION No. 48.]

Statement showing the allotments made for improvements and repairs to Minor Irrigation Works in the P. W. D. Budgets from 1095 to 1097.

Year.	Total Grant Rs.	Grant for Minor Irrigation Works. Rs.
1095	26,00,000	39,417
1096	27,00,000	31,218
1097	31,60,000	68,512

The Council then resumed the consideration of the budget for 1098.

DEMANDS FOR GRANTS.—(*Contd.*)

Demand XV-- Agriculture and Fisheries.

DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: Sir, I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 1·95 lakhs under Demand XV—Agriculture and Fisheries.

***Motion* 129.**

MR. V. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, I beg to make the following motion:

129. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 5,557 for establishment by Rs. 280 (abolition of the post of temporary demonstrator).

There are ever so many demonstration farms now under the Agricultural Department. What, then, is the necessity for appointing one temporary Demonstrator? The pepper farm at Koni and the cocoanut farms in some other places are not worth the attention of the public at all. They are absolutely useless and a waste of public money. As one member on this side of the House observed during the general discussion of the budget, it is not pepper plantations, cocoanut farms, tapioca farms and paddy farms that are wanted. Let us have some new things, new ideas, new plantations, such as cotton-growing, wheat plantation, chilli, hemp, jute or flax. Let us first of all know, in the present instance, what kind of temporary demonstration the Director is going to have and at what place.

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